

support of the Avery amendment and won't vote for the bill without it. I want this separated away from the Executive Board. I want these decisions made by a separate committee. I like it the way it is now. I feel like I have more input, and albeit as it may, in second district, that is how I do feel, Senator Hall, and you know it's amazing to me that people who want to do efficiency and effectiveness when it's suits them, say, oh, we're doing away with a committee here when you just voted for a committee ten minutes ago, you know, big, huge committee but it's all appointed by the Governor. You know this doesn't have to do with efficiency and effectiveness. It seems like every time that some people want to deal with efficiency and effectiveness, they take away elected people and say, oh, look, we're taking something away, but you're taking away elected people from people who want to elect them. That's not consolidation. They want you to consolidate all the growth in government, all those areas that keep growing and growing and growing and spending and spending and spending, all those government bureaucracies. They don't want you to take away elected people. That's not what we're about. That's not what we're asking for. So this...don't kid yourself to think that this is an efficiency or some type of a consolidation, way to consolidate. This clearly is the Executive Board of the Legislature wants to have the power to decide where we go and I know everybody is telling me, well, if Intergovernmental tells somebody no, they just go to the Executive Board anyway and get what they want. Okay, fine, that's fine. If you want to...if you feel good that you can go and do that, that's fine, but I still think that they serve a legitimate purpose. It's a group of people who are offering to help us to serve in that capacity. It's a group of people that are making decisions on when we go and where we go and I hope we can resolve some of those issues, Senator Chambers, on criteria where we go because that was one of the things that disappointed me when I first came here to see that there was prejudice, I don't know what else you'd call it, in that process and so you are not the only one to suffer and hey, don't be so thin-skinned. You know, so what if somebody thinks I'm a secretary or somebody's...you know, my husband is the senator and I'm not, so what? You know get to the real issues here and worry about them a little bit more than all this other stuff, this mentality of expecting people to feel bad because you feel that way. I want the Legislature to have its separate Intergovernmental Committee. I will vote for the Avery amendment. I will not vote for the bill without it. I hope people are considering this seriously and will vote for the